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Dennis Hastert leaves federal court Wednesday after being sentenced to 15 months in prison.
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DENNIS HASTERT'S RISE AND FALL

1965-81: Teaches at Yorkville High School and coaches the wrestling team.

1980-86: Member of Illinois House.

1986: Elected to U.S. House of Representatives.

1999-2007: Speaker of the House, the longest-serving GOP speaker.

2007-PRESENT: Works as a lobbyist in Washington.

MAY 28, 2015: Federal indictment alleges Hastert agreed to pay \$3.5 million to someone from Yorkville so the person would stay quiet about "prior misconduct."

JUNE 11, 2015: Pleads not guilty amid claims of hush money, lying to FBI.

OCT. 15, 2015: Reaches plea deal, to admit wrongdoing.

NOVEMBER 2015-JANUARY 2016: In hospital after a stroke.

APRIL 6, 2016: Court filing says Hastert is "deeply sorry" for harm he caused, but stops short of acknowledging accusations that he sexually abused students.

APRIL 7, 2016: Tribune investigation finds that at least four men have made credible allegations of sexual abuse against Hastert.

APRIL 8, 2016: Court filing by federal prosecutors reveals Hastert sexually abused five students decades earlier, when he was a high school teacher and wrestling coach.

APRIL 25, 2016: Alleged victim known as Individual A sues Hastert for breach of contract, claiming Hastert still owes him \$1.8 million as part of an agreement to hide past sexual abuse.

APRIL 27, 2016: Hastert is sentenced in federal court in Chicago to 15 months in prison.

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SHATTERED LEGACY

JUDGE CALLS HASTERT 'SERIAL CHILD MOLESTER,' GIVES HIM 15 MONTHS IN PRISON

By Jason Meisner, Jeff Coen and Christy Gutowski | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dennis Hastert, the longest-serving Republican House speaker in U.S. history, was sentenced Wednesday in federal court in Chicago to 15 months in prison in a hush-money case related to Hastert's sexual abuse of teen boys decades ago.

U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin called Hastert a "serial child molester" and said he would have given a lengthier prison term if not for Hastert's age and declining health.

Throughout the judge's remarks, Hastert sat in his wheelchair without expression, glasses low on his nose. At one point, as Durkin made it clear that probation was not in the cards, Hastert clasped his hands in front of his face and dropped his eyes.

He showed no outward reaction to the sentence. As the dozens of spectators filed from the courtroom, Hastert remained motionless with his mouth downturned, not speaking to anyone.

Shortly before learning his sentence,

Hastert had admitted for the first time that he sexually abused boys decades ago when he was the wrestling coach for Yorkville High School.

Hastert, who has been hobbled by a stroke and other health issues, quivered as he was helped from his wheelchair by his attorneys and leaned heavily on a walker as he approached the lectern at the front of the courtroom. In a raspy but firm voice, Hastert apologized to those he victimized, saying he "mistreated athletes."

"What I did was wrong and I regret it," Hastert said. "They looked to me, and I took advantage of them."

Durkin then asked directly if Hastert sexually abused certain victims. Hastert said he did not recall molesting

Scott Cross, who moments earlier had testified that Hastert performed a sex act on him in an empty locker room when he was 17. "But I accept his statement," Hastert said.

Asked by the judge about another alleged victim, Stephen Reinboldt, Hastert called it "a different situation," but he said he was not denying the testimony of Reinboldt's sister, Jolene Burdge, who had testified about the abuse moments earlier.

"So you did sexually abuse him?" the judge asked.

"Yes," Hastert said.

The sentencing hearing completed the stunning downfall of Hastert, who rose from humble beginnings as a schoolteacher and coach to become the third-highest elected leader in the country.

That legacy was shattered in May 2015 when federal prosecutors brought the stunning charges that Hastert had illegally withdrawn \$1.7 million in hush money from

various bank accounts to keep a former acquaintance quiet about "misconduct" in his past.

But it wasn't until earlier this month that prosecutors detailed in a 26-page sentencing filing that Hastert had abused at least five teenage students connected to the Yorkville wrestling team in the 1960s and 1970s. One of them was Cross. On Wednesday, an emotional Cross, 53, a younger brother of former Illinois House Republican leader Tom Cross, said he decided to go public so that his children and others would know there's an alternative to staying silent. As painful as his decision was, he said, "staying silent was worse."

Tom Cross, a former Kendall County lawmaker who considered Hastert a political mentor, accompanied his brother to the sentencing.

Hastert, 74, is expected to surrender to a medical facility in the federal penitentiary system at an undetermined date.



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I don't know what happened, but I've been on a roll with Tinder lately. Somehow lined up like five different dates within the next two weeks. This has never happened to me before. I feel kind of wrong about it, but at the same time I've known girls who have dated like this too. How do I keep this from becoming messy ... aside from canceling dates? —Question via Reddit



Fred

Single, 35

» Host of "Fred and Angi in the Morning" on 103.5 KISS-FM
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I've been on these apps, and I know the odds are about 10-20 percent that you'll connect well enough with a match to truly warrant further interaction. So you've simply condensed the process from several weeks to just a couple! That said, the problem with online dating and the apps, in my opinion, is choice. The very second you

discover a flaw about a prospective love interest, you subconsciously revert to the notion that there are thousands of new options awaiting you online. So, why give any one person much of a chance when there is more mystery and maybe a more perfect connection one more swipe away? If you've lined up five dates for entertainment or the possibility of sex, great, proceed. But if you're searching for something more significant, are you truly open to a connection? Or will you already be preparing for another outing with another option you've already committed to and miss what's in front of you?



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Married, 34

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Get a day planner and wear a condom. Technology lets us connect with a variety of people in multiple places whenever we want. And Tinder isn't the place people go if they're looking for a monogamous relationship, at least not right from the start. My 20-something female friends on the site are lining up multiple dates in a week. There is no reason

to feel bad if you're doing the same. Keep meetups in different neighborhoods if you want to lessen the risk of running into a previous date. If you are doing the asking, your cash flow might limit your ability to follow this streak for too long. I say just enjoy it while you can. And seriously, wear a condom.



Michelle Lopez

Married, 32

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Talk about #blessed. Don't feel bad about your luck. Last I checked, there are no Tinder bylaws, so you aren't doing anything wrong. Be proud that you've charmed your way to five dates. I get why you're worried, but you shouldn't cancel any of the dates. You could be missing out on getting to know someone really special. As for the potential messiness, all you

have to do is not let it overwhelm you. Make it a priority to keep all the dates straight—don't make the mistake of calling someone by the wrong name. Save yourself potential stress and try to limit yourself to one date per day. If it comes up, be honest about what you are looking for. Give each date your best shot, and after the two weeks are over, see who you really enjoy and go from there.



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10 WAYS TO SPEND YOUR TIME AT DRAFT TOWN BESIDES WAITING FOR NAMES TO BE CALLED

By Rianne Coale | REDEYE

Whether you're a die-hard or fair-weather football fan, chances are you'll have time to kill in Draft Town this week. While you're waiting to find out whether your favorite team scores a decent rookie, why not have a little fun? After all, the attractions and features are FREE!

Here's RedEye's ranking of 10 Draft Town attractions you'll want to hit up. Just keep in mind that some of these require pre-registration at NFL.com.

1. Draft Ferris wheel

Although Chicago's already got a famous wheel (*cough* Navy Pier *cough*), take a ride on the football-themed circle to get a bird's-eye view of Draft Town. Don't forget to scope out a game plan of activities while you're up there.

2. Combine Corner

You can't TRULY appreciate football until you (attempt to) play it. So get your butt in motion and show off your skills (or lack thereof) in activities such as the vertical jump and 40-yard dash.

3. Draft Town tailgate

After working up a sweat, refuel with food and drink from some of Chicago's best restaurants. Participation in this gameday staple will help hold you over until football season starts—105 days from Thursday. Not that anyone's counting.

4. NFL virtual reality

In an activity that requires less physical exertion, you can find yourself in a simulated NFL game environment. It's like you're really there! Only ... not.

5. AFC and NFC stages

If you've never had the pleasure of experiencing the ambience of a pro football game, you

can get a taste of what it's like here. Catch some genuine team spirit with performances by NFL team mascots, cheerleaders and drum lines.

6. NFL museum

Historical memorabilia, Super Bowl rings, trophies and more. Go ahead. Get your football geek on.

7. Wilson football factory

Ever wondered how an official NFL ball is produced? Stop by this attraction and find out. You can even buy yourself an authentic 2016 NFL Draft game ball. Deflategate not included.

If you think you know who the Bears will draft, you're probably wrong



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With the NFL Draft upon us again, and after looking at multiple mock drafts and scouting reports from a litany of experts, it's safe to assume no one has any idea what the Bears will do with the 11th pick of the first round, let alone what any other pick will be.

NFL teams are notoriously secretive about their draft processes and often try to mislead one another by bringing in prospects for workouts even though they might have no intention of selecting them. The amount of guile and gamesmanship teams use to conceal their plans makes the NFL Draft must-see TV (at least for the first round).

As fans, it's easy for us to get caught up in the holes we think our teams need to fill, and we focus on the players we think will fill those needs, because that's logical. However, and I know this is painting with a broad

brush, NFL general managers seem eager to prove they know how to evaluate talent better than anyone else, especially those in the media. This often leads to fans scratching their heads and feeling flat-out disappointed.

In 1998, the Bears had the fifth overall pick and took running back Curtis Enis. That's right, they drafted that guy ahead of players like eventual All-Pro receiver Randy Moss. Enis played in only 36 games, while Moss went on to have a Hall of Fame-caliber career. While understanding hindsight is 20/20, seeing Moss in Vikings purple all those years and scoring touchdowns on the Bears was like a punch in the stomach.

Remember in 2012 when then-Bears general manager Phil Emery drafted Shea McClellin in the first round? No one saw that coming, and some pundits wondered whether McClellin merited such a vote of confidence. Considering he massively underachieved at more than one position the past few seasons, it's safe to say he wasn't.

(It should be noted that Emery also drafted All-Pro offensive lineman Kyle Long in the first round in 2013, so that gamble paid off. Many experts suggested Long didn't have



Kevin White
JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE FILE

enough college playing experience to warrant being a first-round pick.)

How about last year, when GM Ryan Pace drafted receiver Kevin White seventh overall? Many expected the Bears to draft a defensive player, considering how much the team struggled on that side of the ball the previous year. Nope. Pace went in the other direction, and unfortunately an injury kept White out the entire season. It's hard to argue against White's resume, so the jury's still out on this one.

As for Thursday, the moves the Bears made in free agency should mean they don't have to focus on filling specific needs, which puts them in position to draft the best player available. Hopefully they do so.

That said, general managers and scouts take pride in finding players who fly under the radar. So you can rest assured of at least one thing when the Bears go on the clock this week: They're going to draft somebody you've never heard of.

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NFL Draft Town store
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8. Vince Lombardi trophy

With your newly purchased football, strike a pose and take a pic next to the NFL's most iconic trophy. Word of advice: A selfie stick will have you sticking out like a sore thumb. Just saying.

9. Draft Town autograph stage

You know what would go great with your picture next to the Vince Lombardi trophy?

An autograph. It's not every day you can get autographs from NFL legends or current players.

10. AFC and NFC locker rooms

Step inside a replica NFL locker room as it appears on game day because chances are you won't ever step foot in a real one. Truth bomb: We're fans for a reason.

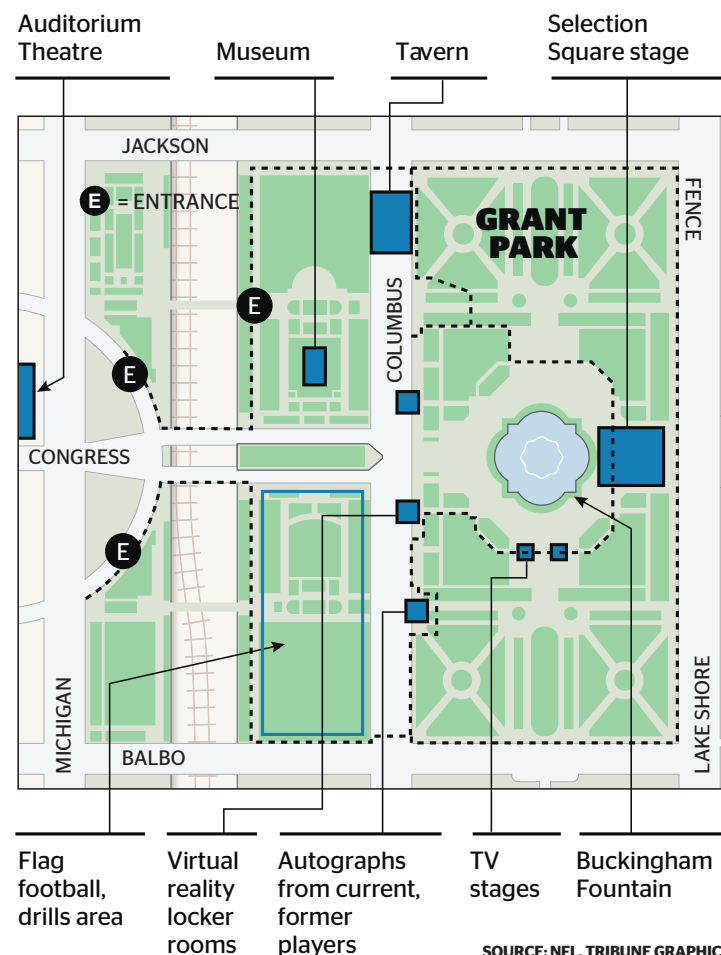
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DRAFT ON DRAFT

YOU MAY NEED THIS DRINKING GAME TO GET THROUGH THE WEEKEND

By Lauren Chval | REDEYE

NFL Draft week is finally here. After months of speculation, rankings and chatter, we'll all get to camp out in front of our TVs for three days to watch teams decide the fate of the best athletes college football has to offer.

It's basically the closest thing we have to a real-life Hunger Games. And as much as we're dying to know which fresh faces are going to turn the Bears around next season, the draft is a long, slow process. It requires a little help to keep things interesting, so we devised a drinking game to keep you hydrated.

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DEFLATEGATE GETS BROUGHT UP <i>Finish your drink</i>	SOMEONE REFERENCES JOHNNY MANZIEL <i>Take a shot</i>	SOMEONE SAYS A TEAM OR PLAYER "FILLED A NEED" <i>Take one drink</i>	A TEAM FAILS TO MAKE ITS PICK IN THE ALLOTTED TIME <i>Take a shot</i>	YOU SPOT A LEATHER COUCH <i>Take one drink</i>
SOMEONE TRIPS ONSTAGE <i>Take two drinks</i>	SOMEONE IS DESCRIBED AS "THE TOTAL PACKAGE" <i>Take one drink</i>	A PLAYER IS IN A WHITE SUIT <i>Take two drinks</i>	A PLAYER IS CALLED "SPECIAL" <i>Take one drink</i>	ESPN CUTS TO A FAN WHO IS CLEARLY DRUNKER THAN YOU <i>Take two drinks</i>
A PLAYER IS SPORTING FLASHY SHOES <i>Take one drink</i>	A NAME GETS MISPRONOUNCED <i>Take a shot</i>	THERE'S A MENTION OF HOW A CURRENT PLAYER IS GOING TO FEEL ABOUT A NEW DRAFTEE <i>Take two drinks</i>	YOU FORGET THE RAMS MOVED TO LOS ANGELES <i>Take a shot</i>	A PLAYER KISSES HIS MOM <i>Take one drink</i>



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CHEAT SHEET FOR THE CASUAL FAN

By **Lena Blietz** | REDEYE

The NFL Draft starts Thursday in Chicago, meaning the city will be packed with more football die-hards and future millionaire 20-somethings than usual.

If you're near a sports bar or anyone who watches America's most profitable sport, there's a good chance you'll find yourself in a draft-related discussion. Here's a cheat sheet.

Who is eligible to be drafted?

Players who have been out of high school for at least three years, including college players who have completed their eligibility or requested special permission from the NFL to enter the draft early (after their sophomore or junior year, or if they've graduated before their college eligibility is up), are eligible.

How is the draft order determined?

Generally it goes by record, as in the team with the worst record from the previous season goes first, the previous Super Bowl champion goes last and so forth. The worse your record, the better your draft position. But trades happen. For example, this year Tennessee had the first pick but traded it to the Los Angeles Rams (for several future picks).

How many rounds are there?

Seven. The first round takes place Thursday, the second and third on Friday and the fourth through seventh on Saturday.

How many teams pick during each round?

It depends. Usually all 32 teams pick in the first round, but this year New England lost its first-round pick in a little thing known as Deflategate. In following rounds, each team is assigned a pick, but those can be traded later.

Trades?

Teams can deal their picks before or during the draft. Picks can be swapped for selections in this year's draft or in future drafts (see: the Los Angeles Rams), or for players. This can happen with players currently on a team's roster or during the draft once new players are picked up. Basically, if you're an NFL player, the league owns your rights and there's nothing you can do about it.

What is a compensatory round?

At the end of rounds 3 through 7, there is a compensatory round in which teams that lost players during free agency can pick up extra players. These are decided by a complex NFL formula, but the main thing to know is that these picks cannot be traded.

How long does each team get to make a pick?

Ten minutes in the first round, seven minutes for the second, five minutes for rounds 3 through 6 and four minutes for the seventh and compensatory rounds. So yes, you have time for bathroom breaks.

What happens if a team goes over its allotted time?

As soon as a team's time on the clock expires, the next team can go ahead and select a player. Meaning if you snooze, you lose.

Whom are the Bears going to pick?

Depends on whom you want to believe, though no one knows for sure. If draft die-hards (like yours truly) are correct, the smart money is on a defensive playmaker. That said, conventional wisdom predicted the Bears would go that route in 2015, and they ended up taking a wide receiver.

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Finding true North

By Heather Schroering | REDEYE

Take what you know about cider and forget it. Imagine walking into your favorite bar and spotting more than one cider option on tap. Or sipping cider between IPAs to cleanse your hop-coated palette. Picture cider being elevated from a beer alternative to its own nuanced category. This could be us, Chicago. This could be our cider culture. But first, understand that cider culture and craft beer culture cannot be one and the same. Cider is not beer.

If cider was just for women, beer haters and the gluten-free, the city's first cider-focused bar, The Northman in North Center, wouldn't be standing room only nearly every night. Such was the case when I visited with two friends, one an avid cider drinker and the other an unyielding IPA fan. But cider director Brian Rutzen said you don't have to be one or the other, and along with his menu of 100 ciders, he's out to define what American cider culture is.

"Guess what? I'm a beer drinker, too," he said. "I don't drink cider as if it's a religious affiliation."

In-cider scoop

Cider was once equated with wine coolers and is still often thought of as an alternative to beer. Though it's usually considered a sub-segment of beer in the beverage industry, cider isn't brewed; it's more like making wine.

"Cider is apple's natural state," Rutzen said, adding that apple juice will naturally ferment and become alcohol if left out. "It's about letting the fruit become what it wants to be."

While its popularity is growing, stigmas surrounding cider (i.e. It's a girly drink. It's unbearably sweet. You're either a beer or cider person.) have largely kept more than one option from appearing on many U.S. bar menus. But The Northman, from the folks behind beer-focused Fountainhead, has a selection of ciders from Spain, France, England and beyond, and Rutzen is a pioneer in showing Chicago just how much cider there is to offer.

To be honest, I was on the fence about cider before visiting. Of the American varieties I've sipped, 90 percent of them didn't interest me, but that remaining 10 percent was alluring enough to make me believe there was something out there for me. Still, I wasn't sure if I'd find it on my first visit to The Northman. My friends and I squeezed in at the bar and flipped through the menu. The first word that came to mind

was "overwhelming." Between the regional categories and descriptions, this menu requires quality time.

Newcomers are encouraged to start with a taste of the house cider, an apple pie-scented, Michigan-made pour that's fermented dryly and re-sweetened, Rutzen said. It's used as a frame of reference, a meter for the servers to gauge where you should go from there. I wanted something drier.

"How do you feel about funk?" my server asked.

Give me all the funk. When she came back, I was expecting another taste, but she brought me a full glass of the Hecks farmhouse cider (\$9), a dry English sipper that's fermented in oak barrels. It wasn't my jam, and not because it reminded me of cheese—that part I liked—but because it was like licking old wine out of a barrel.

The Spanish Trabanco sidra (\$4) was an interesting pour, literally. Spain has the oldest cider culture in Europe, according to Rutzen. The product is traditionally unfiltered, unsweetened, unpasteurized and uncarbonated and must be poured a certain way so that when it hits the glass, which is held a few feet below the stream, it "comes to life," Rutzen said. The Northman serves its Spanish cider from a tap handle above the back bar, and the dry, briny beverage should be sipped continuously while it's still effervescent.

My cider-loving friend went out of the apple realm in favor of B. Nektar Meadery Kill all the Golfers mead (\$9, "Caddyshack" references FTW), a twist on an Arnold Palmer with black tea and lemon peel notes, an undoubtedly delicious honey ambrosia.

In an attempt to sell my beer-drinking friend on cider, our server brought The Full Nelson (\$7), a dry-hopped cider from Vermont's Citizen Cider. He didn't love it, but that's not a bad thing, according to Rutzen.

"It's not a cult, so if you don't like cider, that's OK, too," he said. "This is about



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creating a space for new experiences.”

Though I didn’t fall in love with anything I tasted that night, I was impressed with the variety of flavors I met, from biting into a perfectly balanced juicy apple to an easy-drinking citrusy hopped cider.

It’s not a sprint

The house cider is the only sample the bar offers, which I found off-putting, expecting to receive the same try-as-you-go treatment I might at a beer bar. Flights weren’t an option the night I visited, either, but Rutzen said a rotating flight program is coming soon. While there’s an expense element to it—beer is 90 percent water while cider is all fruit juice—Rutzen said he doesn’t want to recreate craft beer culture with cider.

“No one goes into a beer bar, orders a beer and they don’t like it and says, ‘Well, I guess I don’t like beer,’ and they walk out never to return. They try something else,” Rutzen said. “That’s what I want them to do with cider. I want them to discover things and to not like some of them, but I don’t want them to pass judgment on it as an experience.”

And if you don’t like something, the folks behind the bar are more than willing to make it right—a gesture I appreciated when our server offered to drink the hoppy cider she suggested to my friend if he didn’t like it.

Appley ever after

The Northman’s menu is organized geographically, partially because, unlike beer, there are no agreed-upon styles, and it’s an agricultural product that’s specific to a place. Northern regions in England, Spain, France and the U.S. are where apples tend to grow best, hence the name of the bar. While the extensive menu can feel a bit overwhelming to someone new to cider, Rutzen approached it like an annotated bibliography or spark notes, if you will.

“I want [guests] to be ... impressed that there is more than they thought existed and that this is a very deep and wide world and an old culture



that has a lot to show us,” Rutzen said.

Between styles and vocabulary, cider is still finding its identity. Big-name brands like Strongbow and Magners have helped put it on the map, and craft makers, such as Virtue and Vander Mill, have contributed to creating awareness for more nuanced varieties. The market is certainly growing—it broke the 1 percent barrier last year, Rutzen said (it’s 13 percent in England, he said). It wasn’t long ago that craft beer was in that same position.

“Cider is having its moment, but it’s not a flash in the pan,” he said.

There’s a lot Rutzen and other cider pioneers are still figuring out. What he really wants to drive home is the sense that cider culture should be fun, not uppity. At the end of the day, The Northman is still a neighborhood bar—just with a lot of cider.

“We’re just putting a different emphasis and inflection on a beverage that we think deserves this kind of attention,” Rutzen said. “We’re not trying to elevate it to some point of pretentiousness, but we’re trying to elevate it out of the college dorm room.”

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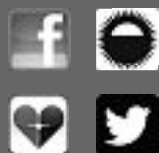
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set the scene

6 CHICAGO SHOWS TO SEE THIS WEEK

By Gwendolyn Purdom
FOR REDEYE

Step away from the Netflix marathon and find your way into one of these local theaters for a belly laugh this week. Your guide to Chicago's affordable and under-the-radar comedy scene awaits.

FRIDAY Nate Varrone's Pontiac Dreams

The Annoyance Theatre
851 W. Belmont Ave. 773-697-9693
Annoyance regular and Second City National Touring Company understudy **Nate Varrone** offers up an hour of sketch comedy, music, animation, weekly guests and more in this one-man show directed by Danny Catlow. 8:30 p.m. \$10. Tickets: theannoyance.com

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The Public House Theatre
3914 N. Clark St. 773-230-4770

Drink in this booze-themed weekly showcase of sketches spiked with interactive drinking games. 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. \$18-\$22. Tickets: pubhousetheatre.com

SATURDAY 'All Jokes Aside' discussion

57th Street Books
1301 E. 57th St. 773-684-1300

Investment banker Raymond Lambert opened legendary Chicago comedy club All Jokes Aside in 1992 and helped launch some of the biggest black comedians to stardom, including Chris Rock, Mo'Nique and Jamie Foxx. At this book talk, Lambert, who's now an adjunct professor at Columbia College, discusses his memoir about the experience with comedian and podcast host Tim Barnes. 5 p.m. Free. RSVP at semcoop.com

SUNDAY Character Assassination: The Roast of Hamilton

The Laugh Factory
3175 N. Broadway 773-327-3175
Founding father Alexander Hamilton might be having the best year ever: The Broadway

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MONDAY CIF Presents The League of Improv Heroes, Droppin' Science and an iO Harold team

iO Theater
1501 N. Kingsbury St. 312-929-2401
Three seasoned improv teams bring the on-the-spot laughs as part of Chicago Improv Festival 2016. 8:30 p.m. \$10-15. For more information: ioimprov.com/chicago

TUESDAY Been There, Still There

Second City E.T.C. Theater
1608 N. Wells St. 312-337-3992
Second City alumni Bruce Jarchow and Nancy McCabe Kelly kick off Chicago Improv Festival 2016 with this headlining show about a Baby Boomer couple road-tripping to Wisconsin for a destination wedding and reminiscing along the way. 8 p.m. \$25. Tickets: secondcity.com

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ACROSS

- 1 Close friend
5 James & Scott
10 "Once... a time..."
14 Bar Mitzvah dance
15 Look for with expectation
16 Dig for ore
17 French friends
18 Location
19 Urgent request
20 Badgers
22 Spookiest
24 Actor Wallace
25 Not as new
26 Babushka
29 COO for one
30 Goes before others
34 Actor Randall
35 Use a straw
36 Graduation cap dangle
37 Fancy vase
38 Waste away for lack of use
40 Barn dinner
41 Equitably
43 Utter
44 TV's "To... the Truth"
45 Armada
46 Hamster or hound
47 Pernickety
48 Coleslaw or Crab Louie
50 Dessert choice
51 Manual worker
54 Within...; close enough to hear
58 Consumer
59 Talkative
61 Bird of peace
62 Carry on
63 Sun-dried brick
64 Imitated
65 Finishes
66 Bent long term
67 Strong urges

DOWN

- 1 Fellow
2 Abode
3 Author Leon
4 Know-how; proficiency
5 Isle of... resort near Naples
6 Pointed tools
7 Battery size

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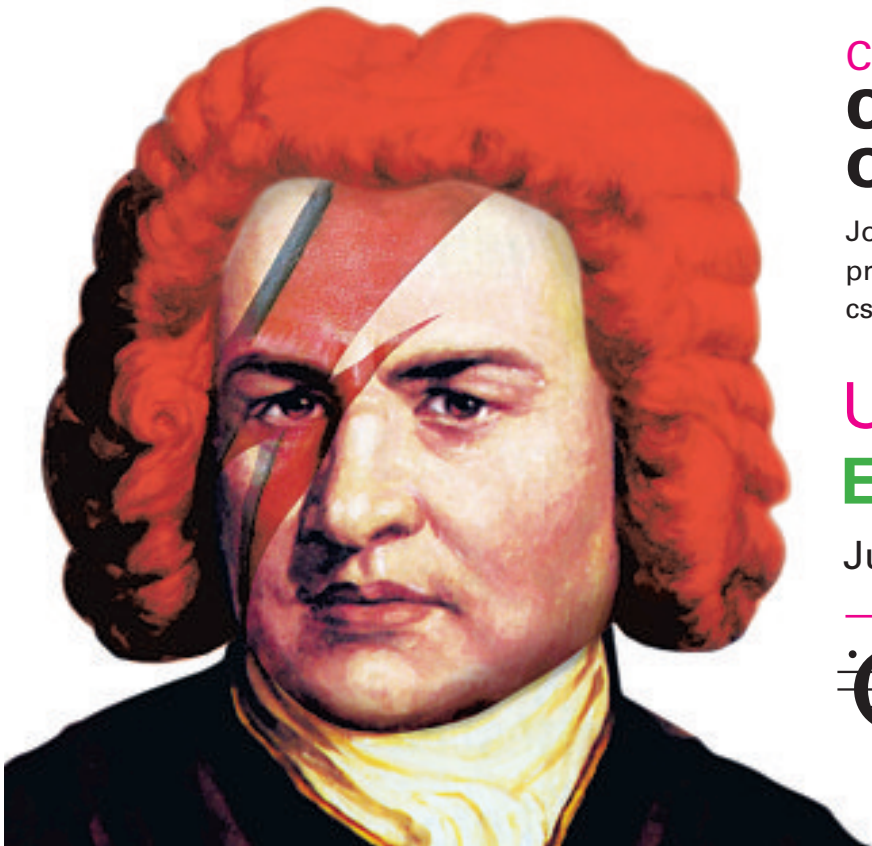
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25 to; against
26 Verb in a turkey recipe
27 Pinkish color
28 Actress Potts
29 Knight's title
31 Hearth residue
32 Good buys
33 In a tricky way
35 Pig's home
36 Your
38 Sanctuary table
39 Mrs. Nixon
42 Vacation spots
44 Two days ago
46 Rose...; New Year's pageant
47 Evergreen tree
49 Allowed by law
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CLEARING UP THE WHITEWASHING

Marvel Studios has issued a statement about the casting of Tilda Swinton to play the Ancient One in "Doctor Strange." According to **ew.com**, in the original comics, the powerful sorcerer is typically depicted as an elderly Asian man who lives in Tibet. In the film, the character played by Swinton will be white, androgynous and Celtic, and will live in Nepal. Marvel's statement says, "Marvel has a very strong record of diversity in its casting of films and regularly departs from stereotypes and source material to bring its MCU [Marvel Cinematic Universe] to life. The Ancient One is a title that is not exclusively held by any one character, but rather a moniker passed down through time, and in this particular film the embodiment is Celtic."



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—**Melissa McCarthy**, to *Us Weekly* at the Time 100 gala, about how it felt to return to the "Gilmore Girls" set.

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Netflix announced Wednesday that it plans to reunite the "Wet Hot American Summer" gang again for an eight-episode series that will take place 10 years after the film. According to **avclub.com**, no cast members have been announced yet for "Wet Hot American Summer: Ten Years Later," but the series is set to be released in 2017.



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That's how many YouTube views **James Corden's** "The Late Late Show" has hit. According to **avclub.com**, that's a major milestone to reach, but Corden still has a ways to go to match Jimmy Kimmel (3 billion) and Jimmy Fallon (5 billion). Corden also boasts the most-watched late-night clip ever: his "Carpool Karaoke" video with Adele, A.V. Club reported, citing YouTube.

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